

IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee-of-the-Whole
July 21, 2009
3:30 p.m.

Chair Banks called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Vroman, Tiejema, Powell, Mason, Calley and Banks

Members absent: Shattuck

Others present: Tom Thelen, Dwain Dennis, Cliff Lazarus, Stephanie Hurlbut, Deb Thailson, Alex Doty, Mike Calton, James Valentine, Don Sult, Nancy Hickey, Lisa McCafferty, Anne McLaughlin, Mark Howe and Tonda Rich

Moved by Vroman, supported by Powell, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Banks opened up the Public Comment period. No one addressed the Board.

New Business

1. Ionia County Treasurer, Nancy Hickey, presented the Board with the 2009 Quarterly Report (Cash Summary by Fund) and a Cash Summary by Fund comparison report comparing 2008 with 2009 and answered various questions from the Board (copies of these reports are on file in the Clerk's Office).
2. Building Codes Official, Don Sult, presented the Board with the 2nd Quarter Report for 2009. Sult briefly commented on a dangerous structure in Lake Odessa. In addition, Sult stated that AGS has laid off and/or shortened the hours of their staff due to the decrease in business.
3. James Valentine, Central Dispatch Director, discussed the budget and staffing issues at Central Dispatch. In addition, Valentine discussed having a fiber optic line installed to run from Central Dispatch to the courthouse then to the jail, which this project is part of the Voice Over IP Grant. Valentine briefly touched on the flooding at the B-93 Concert and recognized the staff at Central Dispatch for a job well done during this time.
4. Deb Thailson with the Ionia County Health Department presented the Board with the Agency Report for July 21, 2009 Board of Health meeting (a copy of this report is on file in the Clerk's Office) and updated the Board on events at the Health Department.
5. The Board discussed funding for the new Animal Shelter with a Rural Development Loan. Many questions were raised concerning the funding. It was the consensus of

the Board to discuss the funding again at a later meeting. Commissioner Tiejema offered to gather information on the funding and present his findings to the Board as well.

County Administrator's report

1. Will be getting the Employee Benefit Task Force up and running again;
2. Received a letter from the Command Officers stating they are ready to begin negotiations;
3. Briefly touched on the current health plan;
4. Congratulations to Mari Droste, Suanna McDaniels and Mandy Germain for their FOIA certification;

Moved by Tiejema, supported by Mason, to enter into Closed Session at 4:51 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: yes – all.

The Chair called for a brief recess at 4:51 p.m. and entered into Closed Session at 4:55 p.m.

Moved by Powell, supported by Mason, to adjourn the Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. and return to regular session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Moved by Powell, supported by Tiejema, to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

James L. Banks, Chair

Tonda Rich, Clerk